News-item, "Diabetes rules: Screen early, treat quickly"

63. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Diabetes rules: Screen early, treat quickly" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 23rd August 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of Indians particularly at the old age are suffering with diabetes, which put people at high risk; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to propagate about the damages and cure of diabetes through print and electronic media?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to ICMR, the estimated number of diabetic patients in the country is 25 million. Recently conducted National Urban Diabetes Survey by Diabetes Epidemiological Study Group in India, has reported the diabetes increased with age.

(c) Central Health Educaiton Bureau (CHEB) has strategies/programme including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase Public Health awareness about diabetes. "Health Melas" also contribute to Public Awareness in this regard. CHEB is also holding Orientation Training courses to provide diabetes education to health care professional.

Financial Position of MUL

64. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the loss suffered by the Maruti Udyog Ltd. during the last year;

(b) whether MUL has earned a net profit during first half of current year;

(c) if so, the figures in this regard; and

(d) the estimated prospects for the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Maruti Udyog Ltd. incurred loss of Rs. 269.4 crore in 2000-01.